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REPORT TO READERS

Figures on the China Bulletin for 1953 show receipts of $1149.75 and expenditures of $1547. In spite of the very considerable increase in number of subscriptions (now about 750), we are still not breaking even, and it is necessary for the Far Eastern Joint Office to supplement our receipts by a $400. appropriation. Contributions therefore will be very welcome as a means of reducing the anticipated deficit in 1954.

CHINA COMMITTEE

The annual meeting of the China Committee of the Far Eastern Joint Office, DFM/NCCC, will be held in Riverside Church on March 24, from 10 A.M. to 4:15 P.M. Missionaries from China and other friends of the Chinese Church are welcome at this open meeting.

HSIEH CHIN

Copies of the Hsieh Chin, monthly magazine of the National Christian Council in Shanghai, have been summarized for our readers as received. During the past year, however, they have been increasingly difficult to get hold of, and we have received only April to June, and September to December. The December number gives the Table of Contents of the whole year, and thus we can see what we missed in the numbers we didn't receive. The July and August numbers were pretty much given to attacks upon the Catholic Church. In addition Tsai Chih-ch'uang of Nanchang had an article in each number; Bishop Z. T. Kaung wrote on the new church we are looking forward to; and Yeh Kuo-ch'i reported on the activities of the English Methodist Church (Hsun Tao Hui) in the Wenchow area.

PRICE CONTROL IN COMMUNIST CHINA

This monograph by Ronald Hsia, a research associate of the Center for International Studies of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Institute of Pacific Relations, 1953, $1.50) is a technical study of limited interest for the general reader, but important for the more careful student of the Far East. Based almost entirely on Chinese Communist sources, it shows how they succeeded in checking inflation, and how they have substantially increased production during the past four years. More ultimate judgments of value have not been considered, though Douglas S. Paauw, in his Introduction, points out that the dependence of the state investment program on forced labor for its success, and similar social considerations, must be taken into account in order to get the total picture. The fluctuations of the monetary value of the Standard Commodity Unit of Shanghai show vividly the effectiveness of the control provisions. This unit went up in monetary value from ¥341 in June 1949 to its highest point ¥6,229 in March 1950; then it gradually declined to ¥4,967 in October 1950; and since then has been gradually rising again, to ¥5,527 in March 1952, the latest figure given. It would be interesting to know what has happened to this Commodity Unit in the almost two years since that last figure.

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MISSIONARY NEWS

A $3,000 scholarship loan fund has been set up at the Baptist Seminary in Hong Kong as a memorial to the late Dr. Theron Rankin (formerly Southern Baptist, South China).

CHURCH NEWS

A Pictorial Life of Jesus has recently been published in Shanghai. It consists of 31 pictures in Chinese style, each picture occupying about half the page, and the other half given to a descriptive paragraph. The pictures were prepared four years ago in Arthur Rinden's Audio-visual program. An introductory map shows Palestine in the time of Jesus. The cover is an attractive original design, featuring the word Jesus (Yeh Su), a symbolic grape vine, two phoenixes, and a Chi Rho cross monogram. The cover, map, table of contents, and first five pictures are reproduced on specially good paper in the December Hsieh Chin, and it is announced that the rest of the book will appear in succeeding issues as detachable supplements which the reader can bind together into permanent form. The first five pictures are: Joseph and Mary arriving at Bethlehem; the shepherds by the manger; Jesus helping his mother; Jesus in the temple; and Jesus as a carpenter. Succeeding pictures will carry the story through to the resurrection and ascension. It is encouraging to see such an excellent piece of work being produced in Shanghai today.

The Tientsin churches put out a special Christmas magazine, announcing an all-Tientsin united Christmas celebration, to be followed by special meetings, in which Rev. K. H. Ting, President and Ting Yu-chang, Vice-president of Nanking Theological Seminary, were to speak.

A Foochow Union Choir of over a hundred voices gave a program of Christmas music. Methodist pastor Hsieh Tung-lou was chairman of the committee in charge, and Chen Wan-chen was Director. The program consisted of various Christmas carols and anthems.

Prominent Singapore Christian Homer Cheng Hui-ming died of heart failure on January 17. He was president of the YMCA and an energetic social welfare worker. It is reported that he was marked for assassination by the same secret gang that had killed his close friend Guok Sing Inn on New Years Eve.

The March number of the CIM magazine, The Millions, quotes a letter recently received from inside China, place not mentioned, from a Christian student. Some quotations follow: "The special classes on 'unified assignment of jobs' have ended and the list of assignments has been announced. Some of my schoolmates were assigned to Tibet, North China, Northwest China, etc. As for me, little did I think I would be assigned to a job right here. You can imagine how happy my mother is... During this past summer vacation we had meetings for three days running at our church. These services were only for those young Christians who are studying in universities, colleges and middle schools. We had some of God's choice servants to preach to us. In a big bright hall we, more than 600 young Christians, listened to God's word, sang hymns, and prayed with one accord. Instead of hatred, prejudice and hypocrisy there were fraternal love, kindness and genuine sincerity one to another... In the churches here we have meetings several times a week. All those who go to church regularly are very devoted... Those who were rice-bowl Christians have denied our Lord and dropped out, but the churches are still full. Don't you remember that in the past we had many differences between churches. But today we hardly ever hear anyone saying, "What church do you belong to?" We belong to none on earth, but our Lord Jesus Christ in heaven."

A report has come indirectly from Peking that Rev. Wang Ming-tao has been compelled by the Communists to take secular employment.

Leslie Lyall (formerly CIM North China) states in a recent article that a Chinese "Strong's Concordance" is expected to be published shortly. A well-known industrialist (Li Jui?) is still able to support his own team of scholars at work on a Hebrew concordance in Chinese.

Translations of four Chinese hymns will be in the Pan-Presbyterian and Reformed Church hymnal, The Hymnbook, David Hugh Jones, editor. This hymnal is being sponsored by the two main Presbyterian churches in America, plus the Reformed Church, the United Presbyterian Church, and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The four hymns to be included are

ree from Hymns of Universal Praise (#41, Jesus Merciful; #163, Praise our Father for This Sunday, both by T. C. Chao; and #197, O Bread of Life, by T. T. Lew) in Frank Price's translation, and the Peking hymn, Father, Long Before Creation, translated by the editor and published in this Bulletin last May.

An ordination and consecration service was held on November 29 in the Hankow Church of the Saviour (Methodist), Rev. K. K. Hsiao officiating. Five young men (Hsiung K'e-ming, Li Wu-hsin, Huang Kan-ts'ai, Chang Tien-yung, Peh Ch'eng-hua) were ordained and three young women (Wang Ts'ui-lin, Hu Pi-hua, and Chiao Yu-an) were consecrated to Christian work. All were given church appointments.

Two young men were ordained in Changsha on November 15 by the Church of Christ in China, Rev. Li Yung-wu officiating. The two were Liang Hsiang-shan and Ch'en Chuin-te. Rev. Li was assisted in the ordination by Lutheran pastor Yu Yuin, Methodist pastor Li Ch'ang-shu, and CCC pastor Ts'ai Shun-t'ien.

The Methodist Church in Huangshih, Hupeh, has a new church building. The old building was torn down in street widening, and so the government assisted the churchmembers in building a new church "better than the previous one."

A church building in Kushu, Honan, which had been taken over by the People's Bank, has now been returned to the church members, with a congregation of from 50 to 60 using it every Sunday. Recently some former members of the Jesus Family have joined this church.

The Church of Christ in China reports many baptisms in Hupeh at the Christmas season. Total figures are not given, but it is stated that there were over 60 baptisms at the Spiritual Light Church in Hankow alone. The Hankow District has engaged Chou Tao-sheng as its Secretary, and has appointed Li Wei-chih as Bible woman at the Church of the True God. The Wuchang District has appointed Wan Tao-min and Hsia Yueh-hua as pastors of the Paochiai and Ts'ungchen churches respectively.

Over a thousand people were present at the Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at Moore Memorial Church, Shanghai. Assistant Pastor Yang Wei-hsin presided, and Pastor Hsieh Sung-san preached.

A politics study class in Changshu, Kiangsu, has brought together Episcopalians, Methodist, True Jesus Church and Catholics in a class of about 40. Methodist pastor Yang Ming-yuan is chairman.

The Episcopal Church in Anking, Anhwei, has had difficulty in collecting rents from organizations that have been using church property. But now with the cooperation of the government a satisfactory rental agreement covering their property on Hospital Street and Ta-erh-lang-hsiang has now been reached. The news item notes that this will be a big help in their self-support problem.

Lu Yo-hang, a church member at Kinhua, Chekiang, has been elected to the city council in the recent local elections. The news item does not state whether he was specifically elected to represent the Christians, or in a more general capacity. Miss Chu Kuo-chen of Pep'iao was also elected to the council of Pep'iao. Rev. Hu Chu-jen was elected to the city council of Wuhu. Chu Kuo-kuang of the English Methodist Church in Wenchow, reports that many Christians have been elected to the local councils in that district.

Addison Hsu, Episcopalian Bishop of West Hunan and Kiangsi, has recently been released from prison, according to private information received from that field, which reported a service of thanksgiving in one of the churches for his release.

T. Z. Koo has recently been in Hong Kong, and Bishop Hall reports that his addresses there were very stimulating.

180 pastors and churchworkers of Shanghai met together at Community Church on January 29 for an all day retreat. At nine o'clock Rev. Hsieh Yung-ch'ien led the morning devotions, and at ten o'clock Rev. Marcus Chen led a two hour Bible study period. The afternoon session began at two with a speech by Y. T. Wu, in which he spoke of the two verses that had most influenced his own Christian thinking, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God," and "He that seeketh to save